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MEMORALEAM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications

SIBJECT:

Procurement of Critical Far Bast Publications

- 1. This is a progress report in ensues to your memorandum to me of 20 Jenuary 1959, with subject above and enclosing a <u>List of Critical Far Rest Publications Not Presently Received</u>. Before taking formal Procurement Committee action on your request, I referred your <u>List</u> to the Chief, Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library.
- 2. In general, the comments of the Chief, Acquisitions Branch, point to the fact that his resources have not been fully utilized in attempts to procure the publications on your List. For crasple:
  a) Ress November issues of two Communist Chinese provincial newspapers, Chekieng Jih-pao, Hangchow and Hein-Hunen Fao, Chiang-she, were received in the Acquisitions Branch on 6 January 1959 (your attention is called to the fact that the second of these newspapers is received through the assistance of a friendly nation, causing the delay in receipt); b) Of the five Lastian novempers on your List, two, Santiples and Las Nom Lao, are no longer published, and the other three had been requested on 10 December 1956. We expect also that the recent visit of Measrs.

  OCR, will 25X1A9a result in more effective procurement from this whole area.
- 3. I am, therefore, submitting your entire Liet to the Acquisitions Branch, CIA bibrary, for concerted procurement action. Progress reports will be submitted to you from time to time. Should this action fail to produce some titles on your list, the problem will be referred to the Interagency Priorities Committee within three months, with a statement that all procurement channels evailable to us have been tried without success and the Committee's accietance is requested. This latter action is in accordance with the operating practice of the IFC.
- 4. I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee for having called this matter to our attention.

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